

Kalispel Tribe and DCS Policy 7.01 Plan and Progress Report

Annual Timeframe: July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

Plan Due Dates: April 2 (Regional Plan submitted to Assistant Secretary) and April 30 (Assistant Secretary Plan submitted to IPSS) of each even-numbered year.
 Progress Report Due Dates: April 2 (Regional Plan submitted to Assistant Secretary) and April 30 (Assistant Secretary Plan submitted to IPSS) of each odd-numbered year.

Implementation Plan				Progress Report
(1) Goals/Objectives	(2) Activities	(3) Expected Outcome	(4) Lead Staff and Target Date	(5) Status Update for the Fiscal Year Starting Last July 1
Update Formal Child Support Agreement Between DCS and Tribe.	Review provisions of 2003 Child Support Agreement Between DCS and Tribe and revise and update as mutually agreed upon.	Mutually agreed upon Updated Child Support Agreement Between Tribe and DCS.	Dave Bonga, Lorraine Parlange, Cathleen Kintner-Christie, Ricki Haugen, Karl Boettner June 30, 2010	Tribe is considering whether to pursue a federal grant for its own IV-D Child Support Program which may significantly impact content of any revised Child Support Agreement.
Assure opportunity for Court to order customary, traditional and in-kind support by non-custodial parent, in lieu of, or in addition to cash support, in all child support cases before the Court involving DCS as a party.	In any DCS case before Kalispel Tribal Court, DCS will raise the issue of whether in-kind or traditional or customary support should be ordered by the Court either in lieu of, or as a credit toward, cash support.	DCS and Tribal staff will work with the parents, as appropriate to discuss application of traditional, in-kind and/or customary support in lieu of cash support. .	Dave Bonga, Lorraine Parlange, Cathleen Kintner-Christie, Ricki Haugen, Karl Boettner June 30, 2010	During prior fiscal year burden was on non-custodial parent to raise the issue and it was not raised in any case in Kalispel Tribal Court in the last year.
Continue Implementation of 2003 DCS/Tribal Agreement on Child Support	DCS to continue to bring cases to Kalispel Tribal Court, as provided under 2003 Child Support Agreement Between DCS and Tribe; Tribe to provide hearing time on the Kalispel Tribal Court Civil Docket to address cases brought by DCS, as well as cases brought by members as set forth in the Agreement.	Kalispel Tribal Court provide hearing time on civil court docket approximately once a month at Cusick (with respect to parties living on or near the Reservation) and/or at Airway Heights as needed to address child support issues as requested by Tribal members and DCS.	Dave Bonga, Lorraine Parlange, Cathleen Kintner-Christie, Ricki Haugen, Karl Boettner June 30, 2010	In period since July 1, 2008 DCS appeared at Kalispel Tribal Court approximately once a month on the civil court docket and averaged 3 or 4 child support hearings on each docket. In period since July 1, 2008, DCS filed 4 charge-off cases, 14 enforcement cases, 2 paternity cases, and 2 child support establishment cases.

Provide opportunity for parents involved in ICW cases to have cases jointly staffed to address and take into consideration other requirements including addressing TANF requirements.	DCS and Tribe to work together for setting paternity and child support issues in coordination with ICW Cases as appropriate.	Better coordination of services allowing parents to focus on issues that promulgated the dependency.	Dave Bonga, Lorraine Parlange, Cathleen Kintner-Christie, Ricki Haugen, Karl Boettner June 30, 2010	In period since July 1, 2008, DCS entered an agreed order of \$0 child support against a member in a YINOC case and coordinated paternity testing and establishment in a YINOC case. DCS has moved to intervene, modify child support and charge off State owed arrears owing by members in two other YINOC cases.
Provide opportunity for hearing in Kalispel Tribal Court on Charge-off of State Owed Child Support Arrearages for all Kalispel Tribal NCPs living anywhere in State of Washington	DCS to continue to provide Tribe with list of names and addresses of Kalispel Tribal Non-Custodial Parents (NCPs) in DCS caseload, statewide, where NCP owes arrearages to State of Washington; Tribe to contact Kalispel Tribal NCPs and offer opportunity for NCPs to file action, have a hearing and receive an Order from Kalispel Tribal Court of charge-off of child support arrearages owed to State of Washington.	All Kalispel Tribal NCPs in DCS caseload statewide has reasonable opportunity for hearing and decision by Kalispel Tribal Court on charge-off of some or all of child support arrearages owed to State of Washington.	Dave Bonga, Lorraine Parlange, Cathleen Kintner-Christie, Ricki Haugen, Karl Boettner June 30, 2010	In period since July 1, 2008, Kalispel Tribal Court has charged-off \$38,727.54 in child support arrearages owing by Kalispel Tribal members to the State of Washington. The Court also charged off \$1,458.00 in State owed arrearages owing by a non-Indian during that period.
Provide outreach opportunities for DCS staff to become better known by members and Tribal employees and improve members' and Tribal employees' knowledge of child support and paternity services available from DCS and at Kalispel Tribal Court.	Tribe and DCS Spokane to mutually arrange for DCS attorney and support enforcement officer to attend a Family Night Out or other forum/activity on the Kalispel Reservation once every 6 months (or more frequently if requested) and at Northern Quest Casino at Airway Heights once a month	Kalispel Tribal members and employees of Northern Quest Casino become well-informed as to actions they can take in their child support cases.	Dave Bonga, Lorraine Parlange, Cathleen Kintner-Christie, Ricki Haugen, Karl Boettner June 30, 2010	In period since July 1, 2008, DCS has attended monthly outreach at Airway Heights Northern Quest Casino, and a schedule of monthly visits has been established for the entire calendar year 2009, a room reserved for those visits, and in first two months of 2009 have been attended and well-received.
Post information to Tribe's Website and/or the Tribal Court website about child support and paternity services available to members.	DCS to contact April Pierre with Tribe and provide information similar to the brochure of child support services available to Kalispel Tribal members and employees of the Casino which can be posted to the Tribe's website.	Members and Northern Quest employees can readily access information at Tribe's website regarding child support and paternity services available at Kalispel Tribal Court and the appropriate persons and contact information to assist them.	Dave Bonga, Lorraine Parlange, Cathleen Kintner-Christie, Ricki Haugen, Karl Boettner June 30, 2010	

Provide regular updates to Tribal members, through articles in the <u>Smoke Signal</u> regarding availability of child support and paternity services for members through Kalispel Tribal Court.	DCS to submit, once every six months, a proposed article to the <u>Smoke Signal</u> , including statistical information on cases filed, amount of collections, etc., advising members of the availability of child support and paternity services through the Kalispel Tribal Court.	Tribal members will be aware of child support and paternity services available to them at Kalispel Tribal Court.	Dave Bonga, Lorraine Parlange, Cathleen Kintner-Christie, Ricki Haugen, Karl Boettner June 30, 2010	
Pursuant to the current agreement, provide a process for when the Tribe asks DCS to pursue paternity establishment where the parties are subject to, or consent to, Tribal Court Jurisdiction.	DCS and Tribe to work together to address outstanding cases and develop procedures for paternity establishment.	Faster establishment of paternity in compliance with Tribal and Federal requirements.	Dave Bonga, Lorraine Parlange, Cathleen Kintner-Christie, Ricki Haugen, Karl Boettner June 30, 2010	In the period since July 1, 2008, DCS filed two paternity establishment cases in Tribal court and obtained one paternity order.
Develop protocol for DCS to notify the Tribe, as soon as possible, when a paternity case is opened anywhere in Washington state by DCS which involves a child who may be enrollable as a Kalispel Tribal member and ensure necessary Tribal requirements are met.	DCS to investigate internally what procedures can reasonably be used by DCS to identify, as soon as possible, those paternity cases opened by DCS anywhere in Washington state which may involve a child who may be enrollable in the Tribe, and DCS to work with the Tribe to develop a protocol for notifying the Tribe of such cases as soon as possible, and to cooperate with the Tribe on such cases. Negotiate a new agreement in this Plan, or otherwise, which adopts a mutually agreed upon protocol.	Tribe and DCS reach a new agreed upon protocol, under which the Tribe receives timely notification of a paternity case opened by DCS where the child is potentially enrollable in the Tribe and the Tribe has opportunity to advise mother and possible father(s) regarding possible consequences of further DCS actions, whether paternity establishment and child support issues can be addressed in Kalispel Tribal Court, and whether the Tribe and DCS can cooperate on paternity and child support establishment in Kalispel Tribal Court.	Dave Bonga, Lorraine Parlange, Cathleen Kintner-Christie, Ricki Haugen, Karl Boettner June 30, 2010	